(c) whether there are any on-going plans to double the existing track network and strengthen the track between Raipur - Visakhapatnam; and

(d) what other steps and new routes are proposed to reduce the track congestion between North and South to improve speed and traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The main route connecting North and South is *Via* Vijaywada, Kazipet, Ballarshah, Nagpur, Bhopal and Itarsi. Alternate route *Via* Visakhapatnam, Titlagarh, Raipur to Nagpur already exists. To improve capacity on this alternate route, doubling between Raipur and Titlagarh, third line between Vizianagarm and Kottavalasa and fourth line between Kottavalasa and Simhachalam north sections have been sanctioned.

(d) To improve line capacity on the main routes connecting North and South, various works have been sanctioned which include doubling, 3rd and 4th lines, automatic signalling, grade separator, Intermediate Block Sections, electrification, strengthening of tracks, yard remodelling, crossing stations and additional loops at stations.

Road overbridges near level crossing in Orissa

†824.SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been a demand for years to construct road overbridge (ROB) at level crossings near Boinda station of Sambalpur division, Dhenkanal of Khorgha Road division and Talchar Road station under East Coast Railway in Orissa;

(b) whether Government is also aware that there is widespread dissatisfaction among people for delay in these works; and

(c) if so, by when these three ROBs would be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Road over bridge (ROB) near Boinda in Sambalpur Division is a sanctioned work & part of the work has been completed.

Works of ROBs at Dhenkanal-Sudasibpur in lieu of level crossing (LC) No. CT-41 in Khurda road Division and ROB between Budhapank-Talchar of same Division in lieu of LC No. CT-81 have been included in the Works Programme of 2009-10.

(b) and (c) If the State Government co-operates in making the land available promptly and also clears the General Arrangement Drawing in time, the work of ROB would be taken up on priority.

Extention of Vidhan Express upto Baidnath Dham

825. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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